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FROM:

Acting National Intelligence Officer at Large

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SUBJECT: Warning and Forecast Meeting for CBW Issues

1. The initial Warning and Forecast Meeting of Intelligence Community analysts to discuss chemical and biological warfare issues will be held on Tuesday, 28 May at 1400 in Room 7E62, CIA Headquarters.

2. Our purpose in initiating Warning and Forecast meetings is to provide a much-needed forum for:

- discussion of matters of current intelligence concern, particularly those which may develop into warning situations,
- community-wide consideration of collection gaps and priorities, and of processing and reporting requirements,
- exploration of alternative views on the entire range of issues relating to CBW, and
- analysts to meet their counterparts in the Intelligence and Policy Communities and obtain direct information on current concerns.

3. We believe the following guidelines will facilitate useful discussion:

- Meetings will be held every other month for one to two hours. There will be 2-3 items on the agenda, each to be introduced by a knowledgeable analyst. Participants may suggest other subjects for discussion if time permits, or for consideration at the next session.

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- Participation by representatives of all the interested agencies--including the intelligence, policy, and R&D communities--is encouraged. All participants must have a Top Secret clearance and access to SI/TK and GAMMA material.
- Presentation of participants' individual analyses, concerns, alternative hypotheses, and even conjecture and speculation will be strongly encouraged.
- Discussions of events will be forward looking. Community representatives who agree to provide leadoff discussion will begin with a statement of current status, but discussion will focus on future events or trends.
- From the discussion, we will identify situations which warrant close observation. We will be looking for warning matters over a 30-90 day interval, and forecast matters over the next six months.
- Following each meeting, the office of the NIO/AL will prepare a warning report for the DCI (for inclusion in the monthly warning report for the DCI), and for distribution to participants. The report will represent the NIO's assessment of the issues discussed, and is not a coordinated community assessment.
- Representatives from CIA's Collection Evaluation and Requirements Staff will attend the sessions and will provide feedback as requested.

4. For this first meeting, discussion will focus solely on the following:



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5. We are considering the following topics for subsequent meetings:

- The contribution of technology transfer and the arms trade to CBW proliferation.
- CBW and terrorism.
- Effect on arms control of CW use in the Iran-Iraq war.
- Soviet doctrine for CW use.
- Soviet BW R&D.

Participants are invited to suggest other topics for discussion.

6. If you or others from your agency require a conference badge to attend the meeting, please contact no later than COB Friday, 24 May 1985. Please have clearances passed to CIA for the meeting.

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